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Title : Stabilized Biodegradable Neurotoxin Implants

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 28, 2009 AND REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a reply and amendment made in response to the final Office Action mailed January 28, 2009. Claims 1, 19, 27 and 30 are amended, claims 17, 18 and 20 are cancelled and claims 23, 29 and 34-36 are withdrawn. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections is respectfully requested in light of comments and amendments provided below.